STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; following the 2020 show's cancellation in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Eau Claire County is hosting the 2021 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days from July 20 – 22, 2021, at Huntsinger Farms in Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS; Huntsinger Farms is the world's largest grower and processor of horseradish, and this year's show marks the first time in 67 years that Farm Technology Days will be hosted by horseradish farmers; and

WHEREAS; Farm Technology Days attracts thousands of attendees and hundreds of exhibitors every year, and offers an opportunity for visitors of all ages to tour a farm, watch field demonstrations, speak with commercial exhibitors, connect with available services, discover career opportunities in agriculture and related fields, and learn about the latest in agricultural research; and

WHEREAS; the Eau Claire County Executive Team—a volunteer organization originally formed to organize and produce the 2020 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days—worked tirelessly for an additional year, despite unpredictable and constantly changing circumstances, to ensure that the 2021 event could take place and to plan for a diverse and dynamic showcase of agricultural businesses throughout the Chippewa Valley; and

WHEREAS; Eau Claire County is home to a wide range of overwhelmingly family-owned farms, and the county's increasingly diverse community is served by farms which prioritize efficiency, diversity, and conservation, and which work to meet growing demand for ethnic and specialty foods; and

WHEREAS; every year, Farm Technology Days features an Innovation Square highlighting five of our state's leading specialty farms and processors, to showcase a variety of specialty crops, fish, and cheese, as well as the forward-looking innovative, sustainable, and conservation-minded measures that each takes to ensure their long-term success; and

WHEREAS; Farm Technology Days is one of the largest agricultural shows in our nation and is made possible this year by the extraordinary efforts of volunteers, contributions from the county and state, and the support of Chippewa Valley Technical College, the University of Wisconsin–Extension, and the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 20 – 22, 2021, as

FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of June 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLET Secretary of State